

Rain Garden Photo Contest

Goals:

Heighten awareness of the rain garden cost share program, rain garden mentor program, and the register your rain garden web site. Showcase rain gardens that improve stormwater runoff conditions, have aesthetic beauty, and encourage use of native plants in Kitsap County. Develop a bank of rain garden pictures that will be used to present creative ideas for those who will be installing rain gardens in the future.

Contest Information

Pictures will be accepted in person, by mail or preferably by email attachment between **March 16, 2012 and**

August 27, 2012. Deliver pictures in person at the Kitsap Conservation District located at 10332 Central Valley Road, Poulsbo (near Waaga Way) or by mail at P. O. Box 2472 Silverdale 98383-2472. **To email photos send them to:**

kitsapraingardenphotos@gmail.com



- **Digital submissions:** Emailed photo must be a minimum of 300 dpi and maximum of 1 MB. Submit one photo attachment per email. Each email must include in the body text:
 - contestant name (indicate if submitting professional photography)
 - mailing address
 - phone number
 - dimensions of the bottom depression of the rain garden in feet (toe of slope to toe of slope)
 - amount of impervious area directed to rain garden
 - a title for the photo
 - a maximum of three sentences that describe the rain garden's purpose and the watershed it is in. For a watershed map, go to http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/gis/maps/Standard_Maps/Environmental/Watersheds_FEB2007.pdf
 - the site address/location of the rain garden
 - the date that the photo was taken
- **Print submissions:** Photos must be no less than 4 x 6 and no larger than 8 x 10. Each hard copy photo must be have a 3" x 5" card attached to its back listing:
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Rules:

- All contestants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Rain gardens must be within Kitsap County.
- Rain gardens must function properly. Instructions for proper construction can be found in the Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington, http://county.wsu.edu/mason/nrs/water/Documents/Raingarden_handbook.pdf, including amended soils and the incorporation of native plants.
- Contents of photos may not be staged for the purposes of this contest.
- Up to five photos may be submitted per contestant, however only one winning photo per contestant will be selected.
- Photos may be black and white or in color.
- Photos must be original and unaltered in any way.
- All submitted photos shall become the property of Kitsap County Surface and Storm Water Management.
- Contestants are responsible for all costs associated in taking and submitting photos.
- Winning photos will be displayed at the fall Home and Remodel Show at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds on October 5-7, 2012.
- Four winning photos will be selected based on the criteria below. Winners will be notified.

Selection criteria for judging rain garden photos:

Amateur and Professional photography categories will be judged separately.

- Aesthetically pleasing
- Incorporating the use of Native plants
- Creativity of the rain garden design
- Originality of the photo
- Quality of the photo
- Title of photo

Awards:

Professional photographer: 1st place \$50.00 gift certificate; 2nd place \$25.00 gift certificate

Amateur photographer: 1st place \$50.00 gift certificate; 2nd place \$25.00 gift certificate